

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The Water Management Board provides an essential public service by managing the allocation and conservation of the state's water resources as well as establishing water quality and drinking water standards; and,

*Whereas*, Bernita Loucks has faithfully served the great state of South Dakota as the domestic water use representative on the Water Management Board since January 10, 1986; and,

*Whereas*, During her tenure on the board, Bernita participated in the issuance of 3,726 water right permits to place South Dakota's water resources to beneficial use for the good of individuals and the public at large; and,

*Whereas*, Bernita participated in numerous contested water rights cases and distinguished herself as a board member who could provide both a sympathetic ear and a fair hearing to all parties; and,

*Whereas*, Bernita supported stewardship of South Dakota's water resources through promulgation of water quality and drinking water standards to maintain a healthy environment and to protect the health of all South Dakotans; and,

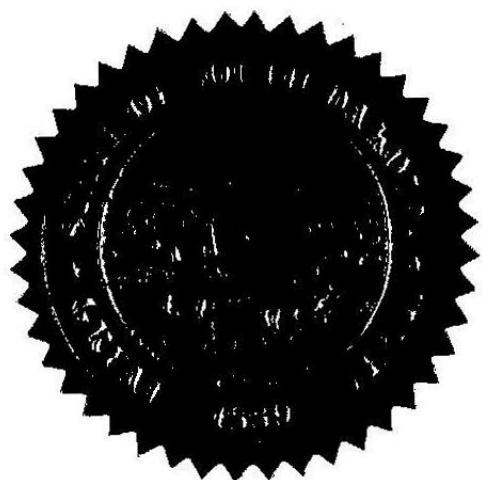
*Whereas*, Bernita's example of serving for more than 26 years is an inspiration to everyone aspiring to the high calling of serving others; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota is a better place as a result of Bernita's distinguished service on the Water Management Board and such service deserves to be recognized and applauded:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her fellow board members and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in thanking Bernita for her 26 years of dedicated service.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

A handwritten signature of Dennis Daugaard in black ink.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Jason M. Gant in black ink.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State